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MACAO BOAT PIRATED Passengers Looted And Stripped

Heavily Armed Gang Of Twelve

THE STEAM LAUNCH "KIEN CHUNG" ARRIVED FROM MACAO YESTERDAY THREE HOURS OVERDUE, BRINGING A STORY OF A WELL-PLANNED AND PREMEDITATED PIRACY COMMITTED BY A GANG OF 12 MEN WHO HAD BOARDED THE VESSEL AS PASSENGERS. THE "KIEN CHUNG" LEFT MACAO AT 8.30 A.M. WITH 120 PASSENGERS AND A CREW OF 23. AT 9.50 A.M. SIX MILES OFF MACAO, THE PIRATES MADE THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN, COVERING THE PASSENGERS WITH REVOLVERS.

The subsequent looting, stripping the majority of the passengers of their money, jewelry, and valuable luggage, but extended to overcoats and shoes.

There were two casualties, one being a passenger named Tang, of the Ming Kee Hong of Macao, said to have been carrying a considerable sum of money on his person, who leaped overboard, evidently in an attempt to escape. He was swimming away when last seen.

A member of the commando's staff, Chung Wai, was hit over the head with a revolver-butt. The vessel was steered by the pirates to Ki O, which they reached about 11 o'clock. There they were met by a motorized junk to which the loot gathered was transferred.

The pirates then beached the "Kien Chung" and made good their escape on the junk. About half an hour later there was sufficient water for the launch to take off and she continued on her journey to Hong Kong, arriving at the old O.S.K. Wharf about 3.15 p.m.

NOT FAIR TO OTHERS! One of the passengers, Mrs. A. E. Perry, told the "China Mail" that the pirates were armed with revolvers and hand-grenades. They proceeded with the looting, Mrs. Perry said, in a businesslike way and some of the passengers were successful in places that they had not completely stripped.

An argument developed between two of the pirates with regard to a passenger who claimed that he had nothing more in the world than what was on his person. One of them was for letting him keep what he had, but the other insisted on stripping him. The argument was that letting one passenger escape looting would not be fair to the other passengers. The crew of the junk that came alongside to take off the pirates was a ruder and more ungentle lot than the gang that had boarded at Macao, Mrs. Perry told our reporter. They went over the passengers once

SHANGHAI INCIDENT

Shanghai, Jan. 23. With regard to the incident on Tuesday in which U.S. sailors were attacked by Chinese during a demonstration against the Shanghai Municipal Government, the U.S. Navy authorities officially declared that four enlisted men and one Chinese civilian, an employee of the Navy, were injured in an "unprovoked attack" by Chinese who were parading down the Bund. None of the victims are believed to have been injured seriously.—Associated Press.

FRANCE'S NEXT PRESIDENT

Paris, Jan. 23. Clearing the way for his election as interim President of France, the Socialist Party leader, Felix Gouin, today resigned as President of the Constituent Assembly. Another Socialist, Vincent Auriant, has been named as the candidate to succeed Gouin as Assembly President.—Associated Press.

600 FEARED DEAD IN DISASTER

Shanghai, Jan. 23. The Japanese reputation "Enoshima Maru", carrying 4307 homeward bound Japanese, struck a mine thirty miles off the Yangtze on Tuesday afternoon. She sank within two hours and about six hundred persons are reported to be missing, feared drowned.—Reuter.

FOUR BRITISH SOLDIERS WOUNDED

BATAVIA, JAN. 23. FOUR BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED WHEN A PATROL RAN INTO STEEP RESISTANCE AT KEMPRENG AND DODOKAN NEAR THE EAST JAVA PORT OF SOURABAYA. OFFICIAL SOURCES STATED TODAY.

British artillery was used and the opposition was dispersed. Batavia was generally quiet except for looters, one hundred of whom were reported to be approaching the dock area under arms and fled to hideous near a railway line when a patrol approached to investigate.

Indonesians working at a stone quarry at Padjak, a hill station of Bandung, told a party of British troops and engineers who visited the quarry that they were willing to work for the British and under British protection and organization.

The British also found a hydro-electric plant run by Indonesians and in good order.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN CHARGES AGAINST BRITAIN

LONDON, JAN. 23. PRIME MINISTER CLEMENT ATTLEE PROTESTED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN ANSWER TO RUSSIAN CHARGES THAT GREAT BRITAIN IMPERILED WORLD PEACE BY HER POLICIES IN GREECE AND INDONESIA, THAT THE BRITISH WISHED ONLY FOR AN "AMICABLE SETTLEMENT" BETWEEN THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT AND THE NATIONALISTS IN JAVA.

AS INFORMED LONDON SOURCES SAID BRITAIN INTENDED TO DEFEND HER POLICIES IN GREECE AND THE NETHERLANDS INDIES TO THE LIMIT, THE LABOUR CABINET DISCUSSED THE SOVIET CHARGES, AND IT WAS REPORTED THAT NO ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE TO SIDETRACK THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL FROM AN OPEN INVESTIGATION.

Speaking in response to questions in the House, Mr. Attlee said that if any fuller statement were required, it would have to come from Foreign Minister Bevin. Meanwhile, British officials said Mr. Bevin might make a reply within the next few days.

The Russians asked for an investigation of affairs in Indonesia and Greece in two notes presented to the United Nations secretariat on Monday night.

The Soviet said the continued presence of British forces in Greece aided "reactionary forces."

The Russian note on Indonesia accused British forces of suppressing the local population of the Netherlands Indies.

Both situations were described as threats to world peace. U.N. MISSIONS? Several United Nations officials said the security council may meet on Thursday to consider the Russian charges and also the appeal of Iran for an investigation of alleged Russian protection of the Nationalist movement in the self-proclaimed autonomous province of Azerbaijan.

The same source said that United Nations missions may be sent to Iran, Greece and Indonesia.

FRENCH CLOSING CONSULAR COURTS

Chungking, Jan. 23. The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lin Chieh, today said the French are closing their Consular Courts in China as an aftermath of the dispute arising from the French arrest in Shanghai of an alleged Nazi collaborator and taking him aboard a warship to Saigon for trial.—Associated Press.

JAP. MATA HARI TO FACE TRIAL

CHUNGKING, JAN. 23. IT IS REPORTED THAT MISS YOSHIKO KAWASHIMA, CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS SPIES IN THE ORIENT, HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO CHUNGKING FOR TRIAL FROM PEIPING WHERE SHE WAS ARRESTED. MISS KAWASHIMA IS A MANCHU PRINCESS BY BIRTH. SHE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF PRINCE CHIN OF THE IMPERIAL MANCHU DYNASTY. WHEN SHE WAS TEN YEARS OF AGE HER FATHER COMMITTED SUICIDE AT DAIREN BY SWALLOWING A PIECE OF GOLD.

She was adopted by a Mr. Kawashima, a friend of her father, was given his name and educated by him in Japan where she learned to speak Japanese fluently.

Many are the stories connected with Miss Kawashima. She is alleged to have been one of the plotters behind the Japanese occupation of Jehol and is said at one time to have been an intimate of the notorious Japanese General Doihara, often described as the "Lawrence of Manchuria."

Kuomintang agents are supposed to have made several attempts to assassinate Miss Kawashima who, according to one story, had a double who was taken for her and slain.

MANY ADMIRERS

After her arrest in Peiping Miss Kawashima claimed she had all along been loyal to China and had pretended to work for the Japanese only so she could secretly conspire against them. Neither this story nor the tears with which she accompanied it moved her captors.

Miss Kawashima employed all the hackneyed devices of the spy and was particularly fond of disguising herself as a man. Her admirers are said to have quarrelled with one of them, a writer by name of Wu Chu-chi, and to have falsely denounced him to the Japanese as a spy to have the satisfaction of seeing him executed.—Associated Press.

MAJOR BOXER NOW SEEKS OBSCURITY

TOKYO, JAN. 23. THE RECENT MARRIAGE OF MAJOR CHARLES BOXER MEANS HIS RETIREMENT INTO "RESPECTABLE" OBSCURITY, HE TOLD AN INTERVIEWER TODAY FROM THE ARMY NEWSPAPER "STARS AND STRIPES."

Boxer is a member of the Far Eastern Commission and the much publicized husband of writer Emily Hahn. He turned aside a request for news of his activities with this remark: "My new life began the day I married."

He married Miss Hahn shortly before Christmas after being freed from Japanese captivity in Hong Kong. Boxer is planning to return to the United States with the Far Eastern Commission, leaving Japan on Jan. 31. After undergoing treatment of his four-year-old wound, which caused partial paralysis of his arm and hand, he said he plans to head for England to request his transfer back to the Far East. Mrs. Boxer will accompany him.—Associated Press.

Palestine Military Activity

Haifa, Jan. 23. Large military operations, involving several thousand troops and extending for some 35 miles along the main road in the coastal area between Haifa and Jaffa, are going on today. All traffic was diverted inland as light armored cars and Bren gun carriers were posted at vantage points.

Along the roadside cages had been built for the detention of suspects. It is believed that the operation is part of the search of Jewish settlements as a result of Monday night's fatal bomb explosion at a police post at Givat Omer.—Reuter.

TOKYO CITIZENS TAKE MATTERS IN OWN HANDS

The Weather

To-day's forecast:—Light variable winds, fine, early haze, warm day temperatures.
Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum: 69 degrees at 1.30 p.m. Minimum: 57 degrees at 6 a.m.

TOKYO, JAN. 23. RESIDENTS OF TWO TOKYO DISTRICTS IN AN ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION TOOK CONTROL OF THE FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER COMMODITIES STORED IN A FORMER ARSENAL, AND DISTRIBUTED THEM AMONG THEMSELVES YESTERDAY AS THE MOVEMENT FOR PUBLIC CONTROL OF NECESSITIES SPREAD.

A HOME MINISTRY OFFICIAL, CONFIRMING THE TOKYO INCIDENT, SAID THERE WAS NO VIOLENCE WHEN LEADERS OF SOME 3,500 CITIZENS ENDED TWO DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS BY HANDING COMMODITIES TO THE MEN AND WOMEN ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF THE ARSENAL.

Officials, however, expressed the opinion that the leaders might be subject to criminal action.

Simultaneously, Kyoto reported that representatives of farmers in the Saitama Prefecture, about 60 miles north of Tokyo, warned that there might be "bloody clashes" between the police and farmers unless the government changed its plan for compulsory purchase of rice. Seventy representatives of farmers of 24 villages met under Communist sponsorship. They organized a council to campaign for public control of foodstuffs.

"LIVING ALLIANCE"

Tokyo newspapers splashed stories of the Tokyo incident which is the first of its kind in the capital. They said the residents of the Takinogawa and Itabashi districts learned two days ago of quantities of supplies stored in underground shelters at the former Itabashi arsenal.

The citizens formed a "living protection alliance" to demand a distribution.—Associated Press.

Gen. Marshall Accepts Key Post

Chungking, Jan. 23. General George C. Marshall has accepted the post of Adviser to the Chinese Military Committee of three which is handling the reorganization of the Chinese Army. The announcement was made today by the Minister of Information, K. C. Wu, who said he also thought censorship in the recovered areas would be lifted soon.

Wu said that Chinese administration had been established in the Manchurian towns of Changchun, Mukden, Harbin, Chinghsien and Sipingkai. He said there were no Chinese forces in Dairen or Port Arthur.

The Chinese Army Reorganization Committee includes Generals Chang Chun and Chang Chi-chung of the Central Government, and General Chou En-lai of the Communist Party.

The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lin Chieh, in a statement said that transportation difficulties might delay for days the withdrawal of Russian forces from Manchuria and Jehol. The withdrawal is scheduled for completion on February 1.—Associated Press.

TIME TO SAY NO TO SOVIET

Lanark, Jan. 23. It was time for Britain to say no to Russia's demands, which went far beyond anything which could reasonably be necessary for her own security, asserted the former Foreign Under-Secretary, Lord Dunglass, here today. "The Russian Government must be told now in the plainest language that the independence of Persia is vital to British interests, that we intend to honour our side of the treaty and that we expect and request them to do likewise."

"To connive any longer at this breach of the treaty would strike a blow at the rule of law, and we should lose the respect of those nations who look to Great Britain above all, to be its champion. We must not be afraid to stand up for and protect British interests," he declared.—Reuter.

Girl Claims To Be Hitler's Daughter

BERLIN, JAN. 23. BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE HOLDING AN ATTRACTIVE 18-YEAR OLD GIRL WHO GIVES THE NAME OF GETELIND TOTTENSEN AND CLAIMS HITLER WAS HER FATHER. DURING NUMEROUS INTERROGATIONS SINCE HER ARREST IN THE MAGDEBURG AREA SHE HAS INSISTED THAT HER MOTHER—WHOM SHE SAID WAS A SWEDISH ACTRESS—WAS HITLER'S MISTRESS IN THE LATER 20'S AND THEY MET FREQUENTLY IN VIENNA. SHE SAID HER MOTHER WAS NOW DEAD.

The girl said she was employed in the Reich Chancellery as a secretary and that Hitler saw her every day and treated her affectionately as his daughter.

She said she was schooled in the Adolf Hitler School in Berlin's Tempelhof and when she was 14 she was told by Hitler in the presence of Goering and Himmler that Hitler was her father.

HELD AS SUSPECT

"Hitler," she said, "was wounded in 1915 and following an operation for the wound in 1923 lost his procreative power. She claimed the association between Hitler and her mother was well-known to high-ranking Germans."

The girl is being held in an internment camp near Faderborn as a security suspect.

A British army psychiatrist said her general intelligence appeared to be about the average, but in his opinion, her claim to being Hitler's daughter, and being a hysterical phenomena, with little or no truth or reality in it.—Associated Press.

Chungking Talk

Chungking, Jan. 23. General George C. Marshall yesterday conferred for an hour with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The topic of their discussion is believed to have centered on ways to terminate the violations of the truce agreement.—Associated Press.

IF RUSSIANS DO NOT MIND!

BATAVIA, JAN. 23. PREMIER SUTAN SJAHRIR OF THE SELF-PROCLAIMED INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JAVA AND SAID THAT IF THE RUSSIANS DO NOT MIND THEY PREFER THE BRITISH TO REMAIN IN THE ISLAND UNTIL THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

"If the British withdrew now," the Nationalist leader declared, "the Japs might refuse to lay down their arms and might resist."

Sjaahrir hopes the British will be sufficiently convinced that Indonesian administrative ability would enable the British to quit Java promptly, once the Allied powers' assignment is completed. The premier added that his government had not appealed to the United Nations, holding such action in reserve if other attempts to reach a settlement failed.

He continued: "If any nation is to bring up the subject of the British presence, it is appropriate Russia should do so, since she is the major power with the least direct interest in the Indonesians, and thus better able to present the case as a moral issue."—Associated Press.

BANK ROBBER SHOT DEAD

Manila, Jan. 23. One-armed Antonio San Juan, 38, at liberty on bail after pleading guilty to the armed robbery charge in the \$215,000 daylight robbery, a few weeks ago, of the Philippine Bank of Communications messenger, was shot and killed today in a crowded market district.

The Provost Marshal blamed an underworld feud for the killing. The killers escaped.

San Juan was scheduled to enter prison next week after receiving a sentence. The bank robbery was the largest in Philippine history. San Juan and three accomplices were arrested seven hours after the hold-up while dividing the loot.—Associated Press.

A Ragbag Of Ingredients

New York, Jan. 23. The New York "Herald Tribune" today called President Truman's 25,000-word combined report "on the State of the Union" and the budget programme "a ragbag of expedients—good, bad and indifferent."

The paper said that the President's message was "thrown out by an administration without capacity to analyze its problem or courage to adopt a consistent policy towards it."

"The President put so many recommendations in his message without clear emphasis between major and minor matters that the result is a failure to achieve a firm and compelling leadership of Congress,"—Reuter.

TEAR BOMBS USED IN BOMBAY

Bombay, Jan. 23. The Police used tear gas and bamboo staves to disperse a procession in Bombay today in celebration of the birthday of Subhas Chandra Bose, former head of the Indian National Congress. About thirty persons were treated in hospital for tear gas effects and twelve were injured in a lathi (bamboo staff) charge.—Reuter.

Bodenreform In Saxony

FRENCH CHAMPION TO FIGHT IN LONDON

London, Jan. 23. Marcel Cerdan, middleweight champion of France, and regarded as one of the best at his weight in the world, is to fight in London towards the end of January.

Jack Solomons, the London promoter, said that Cerdan would definitely come to London providing a suitable opponent can be found for him.

The French champion, it will be remembered, knocked out Tommy Davies (Ammanford) the Welsh middleweight champion in the first round, in Paris last October.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ELECTIONS

Tokyo, Jan. 23. The proposed revisions of Japan's constitution may become an issue at the forthcoming elections. Cabinet sources indicated today they said that Joti Matsunaga, Chairman of the Cabinet Committee on the revision is anxious to publicly announce final draft of the plan before the campaign reaches a climax. Associated Press.

NOTICE

The Far Eastern Shipping Agencies wishes it known that it will not be responsible for a y debia incurred by personnel of the vessels under its care unless the account is supported by the signature of the Master of the vessel concerned.

NOTICE

All members of the American Club are requested to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting on January 25th at 8.30 p.m. in the Club premises, 5th floor, Hargreaves & Son, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 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U.N.O. ASSEMBLY POSTPONED

LONDON, JAN. 23. OVERRIDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, SUMMONED FOR THIS AFTERNOON, WAS THE LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION OF THE PLenary SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING.

The plenary session, which has been postponed until further notice had been eagerly awaited as the most important yet held by the full General Assembly.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, was expected to speak particularly as the atomic energy commission was to have been the main item on the agenda.

It is noted that M. Andrei Vyshinsky, leader of the Soviet delegation, who arrived in London yesterday, will attend the Security Councils informal meeting.

The official head of the Soviet delegation will thus be present at the Security Council meeting for the first time when it is believed the situation created by the Persian, Russian and Ukrainian requests for Security Council intervention in Azerbaijan, Greece and Java will be discussed.

This session will be a private one to be followed by a full and formal meeting of the Security Council tomorrow.

POLISH REQUEST

The Russian and Ukrainian demands for investigation in Greece and Indonesia are likely to be followed soon by a Polish request for an examination in the question of the large Polish armies in Scotland and Italy, paid by the British Government.

The General Assembly of the U.N.O. has not met since Saturday. To-day's cancelled meeting had been expected all the more eagerly since it was thought in some circles that M. Vyshinsky might take occasion to make a speech, possibly clarifying Russia's attitude on atomic energy.

Other U.N.O. meetings to be held to-day include a conference by a group of experts to discuss the transfer of the League of Nations assets, a subject on which the strictest secrecy is being maintained until a decision has been reached.

This evening, the Economic and Social Council, regarded as secondary to the Security Council, is holding its first plenary meeting to elect a president, the post for which the Indian delegate, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar is most frequently mentioned. —Reuter.

Speeding Japanese Repatriation

Shanghai, Jan. 23. The repatriation of Japanese from North China is "proceeding at such rate that I hope within four or five months we will be able to withdraw our Marines," Representative George J. Bates, Republican of Massachusetts said to-day.

Bates, a member of the House Naval Affairs Committee, arrived here with eight other Congressmen to inspect naval facilities and study property and demobilization problems. They flew here from North China.

Colonel Richard C. Withman, head of the repatriation programme, disclosed that 185 Japanese-manufactured Liberty ships have been obtained for regular service to Japan and that the repatriation rate would reach 85,000 daily by the end of March. Withman said U.S. Marines would not turn repatriation duties in North China over to the Chinese. —Associated Press.

LONDON, JAN. 23.

INDONESIA WAS ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY WHEN PARLIAMENT RESUMED AFTER THE CHRISTMAS RECESS.

THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE, REPLYING TO THE LABOURITE, MR. TOM DRI- BERG, SAID THAT BY THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK KERR, HIS MAJESTY'S SENIOR AMBASSADOR TO BATAVIA, THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN PROOF OF THEIR EARNEST DESIRE TO ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT.

Captain Gamman, Conservative, asked if, in view of the importance of the subject and the demerits made yesterday by Russia, the Prime Minister proposed to make a fuller statement, or give the House the opportunity of debating the matter. Mr. Attlee replied that a fuller statement, if required, would be made by himself or the Foreign Minister.

Mr. Attlee also stated that he hoped in the near future to make a statement about the British forces to be used in the occupation of Japan. Correspondence with the interested governments was still proceeding.

Captain Gamman asked the Prime Minister to say why there had been "such an air of mystery about these negotiations" and to try to arrange that when the army of occupation did go there, there would

be representatives of those British territories, like Malaya, Borneo and Burma, which had been over-run.

NO MYSTERY

The Prime Minister replied: "I am not aware that there are any important bodies of troops from Borneo. Surely, Captain Gamman realises that matters which have to be dealt with in consultation between several governments cannot be rushed. There is no mystery about the matter."

The War Minister, Mr. J. J. Lawson, said that Indian casualties in Indonesia up to January 11 were 348 killed, 733 wounded and 102 missing. The respective British figures were 25, 52 and 12. The Dutch casualties in Java, he added, were 31 killed, 100 wounded and six missing. —Reuter.

JAP. IMPRINT LEFT ON EAST ASIA

NEW YORK, JAN. 23. THOUGH THE JAPANESE LOST THE WAR THEY LEFT AN IMPRINT THAT IS BEING WATCHED THROUGHOUT ASIA AS A CLUE TO BRITISH STRENGTH AND AMERICAN POLICY IN THE FAR EAST, WRITES RALPH CONISTON IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF COLLIER'S MAGAZINE.

CONISTON SAYS THE JAPANESE DID NOT CREATE THE INDO-CHINA INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT BECAUSE ITS MAJOR LEADERS WERE IMPRISONED BY THE DUTCH BEFORE THE PROBLEMS BUT THAT JAPAN ATTEMPTED TO CAPITALISE ON THE MOVEMENT.

"When the Japanese first appeared on the scene, and if the British had come later the nationalists might have been well enough organised to have carried on effective negotiations," — Associated Press.

"The Japanese are alert and intelligent and they recognized this. They drew to a close they had no scruples in taking advantage of the Japanese to further their own position. The Japanese co-operated, surrendering to the Japanese in many places and turning over their arms."

BRITISH ACTION

The Japanese felt they might have a long conflict but at the start could leave ideological theories alone. How much the Japanese gave the Indonesians encouragement for independence is not yet certain.

The writer says many people believe the British landed in the Indies "either too soon or too late, either with too few or too many" following the Japanese surrender.

What they mean, he explains, is that if the British had come sooner the Nationalists would not have been strong enough to effectively oppose them; and if the British had come later the nationalists might have been well enough organised to have carried on effective negotiations. — Associated Press.

Lord Catto Favours Bank Nationalisation

London, Jan. 23. Lord Catto, Governor of the Bank of England, speaking in the House of Lords to-day on the second reading of the bill nationalising the Bank of England, said that the proposed price to be paid to stockholders was fair and reasonable to both sides.

Any aggrieved stockholder could to-day sell his stock at a higher price than he paid for it.

He said that the words "after consultation with the Governor of the Bank" in the clause giving the Treasury power of direction were deliberately inserted at his request.

They ensured that to all intents and purposes amicable relations would exist in the future between the Treasury and the Bank, as had existed in the past. Although it was perhaps true that the powers under the bill did little more than give statutory authority for what had long existed by custom and tradition, nevertheless, it was a fundamental change, he added.

"Whether it be for good or ill," he said, "it will depend in a large measure upon the spirit in which this bill is administered and particularly on the men chosen to be governor, deputy-governor and directors, for they must be not only men of wide experience in all branches of commerce or industry but must be imbued with the spirit of service to the community, for the work is onerous and the fees less than those of any other great institution I know of in the city of London."

BANK PARLOUR DECISIONS. Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, in moving the second reading said that he had always thought it extraordinary that at a general election, people should go to the trouble of electing a government whose purposes might be frustrated and whose business in the interests of the people might be negated by the decisions made in a bank parlour by people who were not responsible to any body of public opinion.

The bill was given its second reading in the House of Lords without a vote being taken. — Reuter.

Child's Baby

Albuquerque, Jan. 23. A 12-1/2 year old child gave birth to a 6-pound baby here on Jan. 19. Both mother and child are doing well. — Associated Press.

Iran's Next Premier

Teheran, Jan. 23. Only two men are now being mentioned in Teheran as likely successors to the premiership left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Hakkim.

They are Ghassem Sar Arneh, owner of large tracts of land in Northern Persia, and Ali Shohill, former Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs. He is known to be a friend and supporter of the Sultani.

Some deputies stated to-day that an ideal solution would be for the Sultani to become Premier and M. Shohill the Foreign Minister. Some best informed deputies do not expect the Government crisis to be solved before Saturday.

They consider that Persia's problems laid before the U.N.O. are now international, and they are unwilling to accept the views of the Sultani's supporters that direct negotiations with the Russians would be the best procedure. These deputies point out that the "Persian Government" tried hard to contact the Russians without success. Therefore, it is better that Persia's problems be discussed before an international forum, experience showing that direct Persian-Russian conversations are useless. — Reuter.

Matsuoka Gives Himself Up

Tokyo, Jan. 23. Yosuke Matsuoka, former Foreign Minister of Japan, whom allied headquarters credit with bringing Japan into the tripartite Pact, surrendered to await hearings on war crimes charges.

Matsuoka had been ill at his Nagano Prefecture home. Matsuoka, in an interview with the Associated Press, contended that the tripartite Pact between Germany, Italy and Japan was a peace pact and not a war alliance.

Prince Kanoy, in his memoirs released immediately after his suicide, related at length Matsuoka's part in the negotiations which failed to prevent the American-Japanese war and claimed that at one point Matsuoka, who was in a "bad mood," blocked the sending to the United States of a plan on which both the United States and Japan agreed. — Associated Press.

THE MAGNA CHARTA DISCUSSED

(By Doon Campbell).

CHUNGKING, JAN. 23. THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS GIVEN A DETAILED POINT BY POINT EXPLANATION OF THE ELEVEN ARTICLES OF ITS BILL OF RIGHTS, OR THE MAGNA CARTA OF CHINA.

EVERY FOREIGNER IN THE CAPITAL — BRITISH, FRENCH, AMERICAN, SOUTH AMERICAN, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN, INDIAN, ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN — INFECTED TO SOME DEGREE BY THE TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM MAINTAINED IN ALL QUARTERS OF THE POLITICAL CONSULTATION CONFERENCE, IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE PRESS TOWARDS THE DAILY PROCEEDINGS, IS A LITTLE CONFUSED. HE DOES NOT KNOW THE EXACT SCORE. MAYBE NOBODY DOES.

The 38 delegates to the Conference have already talked for more than ten days. The scheduled life of the Conference is drawing to a close, and most of the time has been taken up in fixing an agenda, appointing an investigation of war guilt commission, naming the members of the five sub-committees, words and more words, without producing concrete results.

The "brass tacks" the conferees looked like getting down to has turned out to be premature. Fortunately, an official report has it on record that in regard to the broadening of the basis representation in the National Government, the proposal to increase by one-third the membership of this State Council, so that it will be politically representative, as well as the highest directing organ of government policy, has been presented jointly by the eight Kuomintang delegates.

The proposal, originally submitted in the form of an inter-view by the President of the Legislative Yuan, Dr. Sun Fo, and later amplified by the Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, is probably the most practical in the four months of the minutes of the Kuomintang-Communists negotiations, dealing with the reorganization of the government, a Coalition Government, or the first steps by easy stages towards democratic constitutionalism.

TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

Although the Government plan is acceptable in principle to all parties and non-partisans, there is a certain amount of dispute on technical problems of implementation. A few hours after Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at the Supreme National Defence Council, had reiterated the Government platform relating to "the people's democratic rights," he put on one or two additions in an address to the P.C.C. in the Council Chamber of the National Government Headquarters.

The Generalissimo said: "The people will have freedom of movement, belief, speech, assembly and forming political parties. Upon these principles the existing laws and regulations restricting these fundamental freedoms should be abolished, or revised, within a matter of days and submitted to the Government for enforcement." He added: "The people should have freedom to strike and demonstrate." — Reuter.

Duch More Conciliatory

Canberra, Jan. 23. The Dutch may undertake to share relief shipments from Australia with the Indonesians in the East Indies and not to reserve them for their own forces and nationals, under a settlement between Dr. Herbert Ewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, and Baron Francois van Aerssen, Netherlands Minister to Australia.

They are conferring on the holding of Dutch ships for Java by the Australian dock labourers boycott. The Dutch Authorities were said to be showing a more conciliatory attitude in the negotiations. The Commonwealth Government takes the view that the dock union's attitude in refusing to load arms (the original cause of the dispute) was reasonable. It is understood here. — Reuter.

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MASSACRE CHARGE

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MALAN'S ATTACK ON SMUTS

CAPETOWN, JAN. 23. DR. DANIEL MALAN, LEADER OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST PARTY (OPPOSITION) YESTERDAY INTRODUCED A "NO CONFIDENCE" MOTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY HERE.

Criticising the Government of General Jan Smuts for ratifying the United Nations Charter without submitting the matter to Parliament, Dr. Malan said that the reason was quite clear.

After the charter had been signed at San Francisco, Mr. Winston Churchill, the man who had successfully led the British people through the war and who had wished to lead them in peace, had been defeated to the surprise of himself, Britain and the whole world, Dr. Malan said.

Not the least surprised and shocked, he added, was General Smuts who had, from that time, begun to lose confidence in himself and in his position in South Africa.

General Smuts, replying to Dr. Malan's "no confidence" motion, agreed that it would have been better to follow and summon Parliament to ratify the United Nations Charter, but there were certain difficulties.

In a Union with two capitals (Capetown, the Legislative capital, and Pretoria, the Administrative capital) a special session of Parliament was not to be undertaken lightly, General Smuts said. — Reuter.

GUN BATTLE IN NEW TERRITORIES

An exciting gun battle occurred in the New Territories on Tuesday afternoon, between Police and armed robbers at Lung Kun beach in the Ping Shan district.

On information received, a Police party, with a few R.A.F. personnel, raided a gang, who created the Police with shots from rifles and revolvers.

The battle continued for some 15 minutes, and the gang dispersed. One man was arrested in possession of a rifle and 14 rounds of ammunition. No casualty was reported.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24th, 1946. STUDIO-HAL JOYFUNK AT THE RADIO.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements. 1.10 p.m.—Albert Sandler's Trio. 1.30 p.m.—The Music of Rudolf Friml. 2.00 p.m.—Glee Down. 6.30 p.m.—"Come Dance Music. 7.00 p.m.—London Relay News. 7.15 p.m.—Andy's Ma & His Islanders. 7.30 p.m.—Studio-Hal Lorenzo at the Piano. 8.00 p.m.—Maurice Winnick & His Orchestra. 8.30—"Services Music Hall"—ENBA. 9.00 p.m.—London Relay News. 9.05 p.m.—Variety with Iszy Bonn, Cicely Court cidge, Jack Buobson and Others. 9.25 p.m.—J. E. Squire Celeste Octet. 10.00 p.m.—Leonavallo's "I Pagliacci"—Bena I. 10.47 p.m.—A Short Programme of Military Air Music. 11.00 p.m.—Close own.

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